

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W13 3444

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W12 3444 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2008-2009 Regulations for  
Choctaw Wildlife Management Area**

**Choctaw and Winston Counties**

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Youth	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 22	Dec. 1	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Jan. 4	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 5	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 7	Mar. 13	
TURKEY	Mar. 14	May 3	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 11	Oct. 17	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 18	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 18	Feb. 28	

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOCTAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
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**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license or those fishing on Choctaw Lake, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

**CLOSED AREA:** Area with boundary marked with white paint around Choctaw Lake and Campground is designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREA and will be strictly enforced.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at Area Headquarters on Webster Road by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

**HORSES:** Hunting from horseback is allowed.


**CAMPING:** Camping allowed in designated areas only (see map). In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.


**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36,** will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 23, 2008. Witness my hand and seal this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.

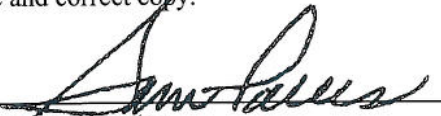
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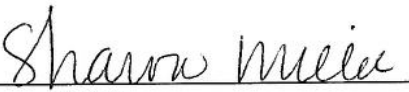
BY:   
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:   
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a  
true and correct copy.

  
Executive Director

  
Notary

